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## FAIRFAX PROJECT

# 21 Students Study Chinese

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In Room 111 of a high school named after the late Secretary of State George C. Marshall, 21 students began gliding easily over the Bamboo Curtain last

The hand-picked 11 girls and 10 boys are members of the much-debated Fairfax County Chinese Language Institute. Six hours a day for six weeks this summer they will be learning the Chinese language and facts about the country.

The institute is said to be the first of its kind-combining Chinese language and area studies held in a public school in the United States. Only Thayer Academy in Massachusetts has attempted a similar experiment with high school students.

### Easier Than Expected

Earlier this year, members of the County Board of Supervisors sharply criticized the non-credit program as an unwanted luxury. However, the school board held firm and the institute got going last Monday, drawing on a \$5,000 special fund.

The students are taking in stride the advanced studies, soaking up material which wouldn't be available at most colleges in the county.

language a lot easier than we officials with China specialties.

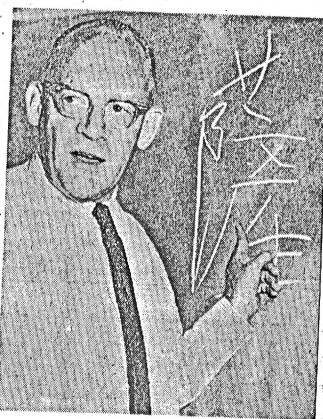
figured," said Daniel Whitaker,
Field trips will include a sp who regularly attends J. E. B. Stuart High School. "For one thing, the verb endings are all the same."

From 8 a.m. until noon each weekday the students study the Chinese language with Mrs. Chuan Ouyang Chau, a native of Chuan Chuan Ouyang Chau, a native of Chuan China and a language lecturer at Columbia University.

Conversation, writing and language laboratory training is undertaken with texts and tapes used by the Foreign Service.

#### Hear Specialists

From 1 to 3 p.m., the emphasis is on geography, history and culture. The main lecturer and



DR. CLYDE B. SARGENT Directs Institute

To broaden the fare, he's program will consist entirely of bringing in an all-star cast of discussions of present Chinese guest lecturers, including schol-relations with the United States "We're finding the Chinese ars, authors and government and the United Nations.

Field trips will include a special State Department briefing, not a course about communism. a visit to the Freer Gallery and It's about Chinese who happen Department's Foreign Language Collection, said to be the best of its kind in the world, and attendance at a Voice of America

"In the time allotted, we can only give the students an impression of China," Dr. Sar-geant said. "But if a student impression of China," Dr. Sargeant said. "But if a student
Sargeant said. "Perhaps we can tude test.

Show that educators should be be able to enter, with advanced a more purposeful way than in standing, a second-year college the past." language course."

#### To Examine Present Policies

"We treat communism, too," Dr. Sargeant said, "but this is to be Communists."

Students are encouraged to enter give-and-take discussions with their instructors and so far the faculty has not found that the material is above their heads.

language study planned in Fair show that educators should be fax schools next year he should teaching high school students in

er, reportedly went home after director of the program is Dr. Although there is an emphasis ing Chinese words to his father. ("It should provide quite a contrast, teaching high school Agency's area studies school avoided. The sixth week of the sollenberger is dean of the State and admirals up there," he said.

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Institute.

The 21 students were chosen from 100 volunteers for the nontuition program. They all have been standouts in English, social studies or foreign languages the last three years, have excellent

After finishing with the summer institute, Dr. Sargeant will become visiting professor of One student, Roger Sollenber- international affairs at the Naval War College in Newport,